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## RAJYA SABHA

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The following Bill was introduced in the Rajya Sabha on the 18th March, 1957:—

### Bill No. II of 1957

*A Bill further to amend the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1947.*

Be it enacted by Parliament in the Eighth Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

1. This Act may be called the Prevention of Corruption Short title.  
(Amendment) Act, 1957.
2. In the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1947, sub-section (3) Amendment of section 1. of section 1 shall be omitted.
3. The Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Ordinance, Repeal of Ordinance. 1957, is hereby repealed.

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### STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Section 5 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1947 created a new offence of criminal misconduct by a public servant in the discharge of his duties and also laid down a rule of evidence requiring the court to draw a presumption against a public servant found in possession of assets disproportionate to his known sources of income and for which he cannot satisfactorily account. The Act is a permanent enactment, but section 5 was initially given a limited life of only 3 years, which was later extended from time to time.

2. Section 5 has provided a valuable weapon in the attempt to eliminate corruption from the public services, and its retention for this purpose is necessary.

3. Section 5 was to have expired on the 10th March, 1957, but the President promulgated an Ordinance on the 4th March, 1957, making section 5 permanent. The present Bill seeks to replace the Ordinance.

NEW DELHI;

G. B. PANT.

*The 12th March, 1957.*

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S. N. MUKERJEE,

*Secretary.*